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Academic Appointments

2016–present	Associate Professor of History, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
2008–2016	Assistant Professor of History, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
2008	Adjunct instructor, University of Alaska–Anchorage
Fall 2005	Instructor, Stanford University: Sources & Methods Seminar on Siberia
2001–2005	Teaching Assistant, Stanford (Soviet Russia, A. Weiner; Russia & the World, 1815–1914, B. Patenaude; Early Russia, N. Kollmann, Methods, H. Kahn)
1996	Instructor, Dartmouth College Miniversity: Introduction to Swahili language

Education

2000–2007	Stanford University, M.A, Ph.D., History	Palo Alto, CA
1992–1996	Dartmouth College, B.A.	Hanover, NH
	Major: History. Minors: Environmental studies. Russian studies.	
	Honors Thesis: “ <i>Our Place in Creation’: Attitudes Towards Nature in Medieval Monastic Movements</i> ”	

Visiting Professorships, Residencies, Endowed Lectures

2023–2024	Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship. University of Cologne, Germany
2021	Wayne & Julia Aspinall Fellow. Colorado Mesa University. Grand Junction, CO
2018–2019	Visiting Associate Professor, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
2013	Visiting fellow, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. January–August 2013

Publications

Book

The Merchants of Siberia: Trade in Early Modern Eurasia (Ithaca, NY: Cornell Univ. Press, 2016).

- Russian translation by Publisher NLO (*Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie*), forthcoming 2023
- Winner, 2018 W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize for a first monograph of exceptional merit and lasting significance for understanding Russia’s past
- Honorable Mention, 2016 Heldt Prize for the Best Book by a woman in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian Studies (Association for Women in Slavic Studies)
- Honorable Mention, 2016 Early Slavic Studies Association Book Prize
- *Choice Magazine* Outstanding Academic Title

Edited volumes

Muscovy and the World: An Empire in Search of Limits, edited by Michael Flier, Nancy Kollmann, Erika Monahan and Daniel B. Rowland (Bloomington, IN: Slavica, forthcoming 2023).

Early Modern Trade in the Caspian Sea Region, ed. by Erika Monahan and Matthew Romaniello. *Russian Studies in History* Vol. 60, Nos. 1–4, 1–7 (2022).

Seeing Muscovy Anew: Politics–Institutions–Culture. Essays Honoring Nancy Shields Kollmann, edited by Michael Flier, Valerie Kivelson, Erika Monahan and Daniel B. Rowland (Bloomington, IN: Slavica, 2017).

Articles

“What did Müller Know? Remezov’s Maps and the ‘Father of Siberian History’,” in *Muscovy and the World: An Empire in Search of Limits*, edited by Michael Flier, Nancy Kollmann, Erika Monahan and Daniel B. Rowland (Bloomington, IN: Slavica, forthcoming 2023).

“Bukharan Eurasian Trade Networks in Eurasia,” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Asian Commercial History*, ed. David Ludden (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023).

with Matthew P. Romaniello, “Introduction: Early Modern Trade in the Caspian Region,” in *Early Modern Trade in the Caspian*, ed. by Erika Monahan & Matthew P. Romaniello. *Russian Studies in History*, Vol. 60, nos. 1–4 (2022): 1–7. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10611983.2022.2117467>

“Tents or Towns: The Limits of Sovereignty in the Russian North in the Seventeenth Century,” in *Picturing Imperial Russia*, eds. Valerie Kivelson, Sergei Kozlov, and Joan Neuberger (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023), pp. 84–92.

“Binding Siberia: Semen Remezov’s *Khorograficheskaia kniga* in Time and Through Time,” in *The Life Cycle of Russian Things: From Fish Guts to Fabergé, 1600 to Present*, edited by Tricia Starks, Alison Smith, and Matthew Romaniello (NY: Bloomsbury, 2021), pp. 171–90.

“Locating Rhubarb: Early Modernity’s Relevant Obscurity,” in *Early Modern Things: Objects and their Histories, 1500–1800*, ed. Paula Findlen (London: Routledge, 2nd edition 2021 [pp. 297–322]; 1st edition 2013 [pp. 227–51]).

“Moving Pictures: Tobol’sk ‘Traveling’ in Early Modern Texts,” *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 52.2–3 (2018): 261–89. [Winner, 2019 Early Slavic Studies Association Prize for Best Article](#)

“Salt Wars and Salted Coffee: At Home with the Filat’evs,” in *Seeing Muscovy Anew: Politics–Institutions–Culture. Essays Honoring Nancy Shields Kollmann*. Edited by Michael Flier, Valerie Kivelson, Erika Monahan and Daniel K. Rowland (Bloomington, IN: Slavica, 2017), pp. 287–304.

“Imperial Muslims: A History of the Shababin Family,” in *Потомки Пророка в Сибири XVI–XXI вв. [Descendants of the Prophet in Siberia, XVI–XXI vv.]* by A. K. Bustanov with contributions by S. N. Korusenko and Erika Monahan (forthcoming) 18,900 words.

“[Tsardom of Russia, 1547–1721](#),” in *Encyclopedia of Empire*, ed. John MacKenzie, 4 Vols. (Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, February 2016).

“[К вопросу о родословной купеческой династии Филатьевых](#),” in *Торговля, купечество и таможенное дело в России в XVI–XIX вв.: Сборник материалов Третьей международной научной конференции (г. Коломна, 24–26 сентября 2013 г.)*, vol. 1: XVI–XVIII вв., Ред.-сост. А. И. Раздорский (Коломна: МГОСГИ, 2014).

“Gavril Romanov Nikitin: A Merchant Portrait,” in *Russia’s People of Empire: Life Stories from Eurasia, 1500–Present*, ed. by Willard Sunderland and Stephen Norris (Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, 2012), pp. 47–56.

“Uraisko Kaibulin: Bukharan in a Borderland,” in *Portraits of Old Russia: Imagined Lives of Ordinary People, 1300–1725*, ed. by Donald Ostrowski and Marshall T. Poe (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2011), pp. 222–29.

“В поиске ревеня: Об одном забытом эпизоде торговой политики России середины XVII в.” [“Russian Rhubarb Reconnaissance: Digging Up a Forgotten Episode of Commercial Policy in the 17th c.”] *Sosloviya, instituty i gosudarstvennaya vlast' v Rossii. Srednie veka i rannee Novoe vremya. Sb. statei pamyati akad. L.V. Cherepnina* (Moscow: Yazyki slavyanskikh kul'tur, 2010), pp. 766–71.

“Virtue and Vice: Controlling Commodities in Early Modern Siberia,” in *Tobacco in Russian History and Culture: The Seventeenth Century to the Present*, ed. by Matthew Romaniello and Tricia Starks (New York: Routledge, 2009), pp. 61–82.

“Вертикальная социальная мобильность в Московии,” в *Торговля, купечество и таможенное дело в России в XVI–XIX вв.: Сборник материалов второй международной конференции* (Kursk: Kurskii gosudarstvennyi universitet, 2009). [“Upward Mobility in Muscovy: Merchants Gostevy and Liangusov in Siberia.” Trans. Aleksei Kraikovskii] [Link here](#)

“Trade and Empire: Merchant Networks, Frontier Commerce, and the State in Western Siberia, 1644–1728” (PhD. Dissertation, Stanford University, 2007).

- Commentary: Н. Рахимов, «Диаспоры Бухарцев в Сибири в XVI–XIX веках и их отражение в исторической литературе,» *Ученые Записки (Номаи донишгох)* (2014): 139-50.

Reviews (Essays & single book)

Review of Gregory Afinogenov, *Spies and Scholars: Chinese Secrets and Imperial Russia’s Quest for World Power*. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2020. *English Historical Review* (forthcoming).

Review of Pey-yi Chu, *The Life of Permafrost: A History of Frozen Earth in Russian and Soviet Science*. London: University of Toronto Press, 2020. *English Historical Review* Vol. 138, no. 593 (2023).

Review of Nick Fielding, *Travellers in the Great Steppe: From the Papal Envoys to the Russian Revolution* (Signal Books, 2020). *Sibirica* (forthcoming 2022/3).

Review of Georg Wilhelm Steller, *Eastbound Through Siberia: Observations from the Great Northern Expedition*, translated and annotated by Margritt A. Engle and Karen E. Willmore (Indiana UP, 2020). *Ab Imperio* 3 (2022): 311–14.

Review of Maria Salomon Arel, *English Trade and Adventure to Russia in the Early Modern Era: The Muscovy Company, 1603–1649* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019). *Russian Review* 81.1 (Jan. 2022): 163–4.

“[Arctic Reckonings.](#)” Review of Bathsheba Demuth, *Floating Coast: An Environmental History of the Bering Strait* (NY: W.W. Norton & Co., 2019). *New Rambler Review*. Sept. 2, 2020.

Review of Matthew P. Romaniello, *Enterprising Empires: Russia and Britain in Eighteenth-Century Eurasia* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 51.2 (August 2020): 308–10. https://doi.org/10.1162/jinh_r_01563

Review of Sarah Cameron, *The Hungry Steppe: Famine, Violence, and the Making of Soviet Kazakhstan* (Cornell University Press, 2018). *Sibirica* Vol. 19, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 121–5.

Review of Ryan Tucker Jones, *Empire of Extinction: Russia's Strange Beasts of the Sea* (NY: Oxford University Press, 2014). *American Historical Review* Vol. 121, no. 2 (April 2016): 677–8.

Review of Kees Boterbloem, *Moderniser of Russia: Andrei Vinus, 1641–1716* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012). *English Historical Review* Vol. 130, no. 547 (2015): 1565–67. doi: 10.1093/ehr/cev295

Review essay of Andrew Gentes, *Exile to Siberia, 1590-1822*, V.D. Puzanov. *Voennye faktory russkoi kolonizatsii zapadnoi Sibiri, konets XVI-XVII vv.*, and Christoph Witzenrath. *Cossacks and the Russian Empire, 1598-1725: Manipulation, Rebellion and Expansion into Siberia. Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* Vol. 14, no. 1 (January 2013): 151–63.

Review of Brian Davies, *Warfare, State, and Society on the Black Sea Steppe, 1500-1700*. Warfare and History Series. (New York: Routledge, 2007). *Russian Review* Vol. 69, no. 1 (January 2010): 152–4.

Other writing

“Introducing History *Ex Silo*.” From the Editors, *Kritika*, Vol. 24, no. 1 (2023).

[“Scenes from a Refugee Help Center.”](#) *Los Angeles Review of Books*, April 20, 2022.

[“Russia’s Descent into Bombing Jewish ‘Nazis’ in Ukraine.”](#) Medium.com, March 4, 2022.

“Postscript,” *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 56.1 (2022): 122–3.

“Crimean Cragging.” *Stanford Alpine Journal*, 2004–2005. Stanford, CA.

Upcoming Conferences & Talks

“Networking Empire: Peter I’s Foreign Policy and the Mapping of the Caspian.” Paper Presentation at Invited Symposium “Muddying the Waters: Towards a History of the Caspian Sea.” Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna, Austria. September 13–14, 2023

“Of Maps and Men: On Andrei Vinus’ role as Middleman between Witsen and Remezov.” Seminar on European History, 1100–1800. University of Leiden. Leiden, Netherlands. November 10, 2023

TBD. “Boundaries & Territory in Russian History” Invited workshop. Basel, Switzerland. June 12–15, 2024

“Cartography, Curiosities, and Clout: On Witsen’s relationship with Tsar Peter I.” Invited lecture. European Studies Center. Scripps College. Claremont, CA. Autumn 2024

Invited talks postponed/cancelled due to pandemic

“Seeing Arctic Sea Ice in Remezov’s coastal maps.” Russian History Seminar. Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia. Slated for Fall 2020. Postponed because of Covid-19.

Invited lecture. Russian History Workshop. Columbia University. New York, NY. Slated for Fall 2020 Postponed because of Covid-19.

Invited lecture. “The Coronation Portrait of Sophia Alekseevna: A Backstory.” Russian Women’s History Workshop. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. April 2, 2020. Postponed because of Covid-19.

Conference & Workshop Presentations

“Mapping the Sources in Siberia.” European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) Conference. Bern, Switzerland. Aug 22–26, 2023

“What did G. F. Müller Know and When Did He Know It? Remezov’s Maps and the Father of Siberian History.” Invited presentation, Bonn-Köln-Düsseldorf-Münster Research Colloquium. University of Münster, Germany. June 16–17, 2023

“Of Maps & Men: Remezov, Witsen, Vinius, and the Mapping of Eurasia.” Invited lecture. Research Colloquium. University of Münster, Germany. June 12, 2023

“Reading Remezov’s Maps (WWJD: What would J. B. Harley Do?)” Studientag. Europa Transepocheal. European History in Global Perspective Workshop. Universität Basel. Basel, Switzerland. April 21, 2023

“Nicolaas Witsen as Portal to Early Modern Russo-Dutch Relations.” Alexander von Humboldt Research Meeting. Chemnitz, Germany. February 8–10, 2023

“Subject to Whom? Tsar, Samoyeds, and Sovereignty on the 17c. Arctic Coast.” Paper presentation. 54th ASEEES Convention. Chicago, IL. November 13, 2022

“Mapping Insubordination: Some Examples from Remezov’s Chorography.” ‘Muscovy in the World’ Invited Workshop. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. November 4–5, 2022

“On Siberian Travel.” Eurasian Environmental History Society Workshop. Virtual. Sept. 30, 2022

“Mapping the Kyzylkum: A Russian View of Central Asia.” ‘Eurasians Abroad’ Invited workshop (hybrid). Harriman Institute, Columbia University. New York, NY. April 1–2, 2022

“Seeing Seasonality in Arctic Ice: Northern coasts in early Siberian maps,” Summer workshop (virtual): “Climate and Society in Eurasia: Past, Present, and Future.” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. June 29, 2021

- “Cooperating Cousins: Assessing the Witsen-Vinius Partnership.” (Virtual) workshop for a special issue of *Cahiers de monde Russe*. University of St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg, Russia. May 12, 2021
- Invited guest (virtual) for seminar on *The Merchants of Siberia*. Graduate History Seminar in Early Modern Central Asia. The Ohio State University. March 17, 2021
- “Seeing Empire & Environment in Remezov’s *Chorography*,” (Virtual) workshop for a special issue on early modern empire & environment for the *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*. February 26, 2021
- “Binding Siberia: Semen Remezov’s *Khorograficheskaiia kniga* in Time and Through Time.” Russian History Workshop (virtual). Columbia University. February 19, 2021
- “Enthusiastic Ex patriates? Foreign Lobby? Evaluating the Witsen-Vinius Partnership.” Paper presentation. Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (FEEGI) 13th Biennial conference. St. Louis, MO. February 14–15, 2020
- “Imperial Aspirations and Realities Revealed in Remezov’s *Atlas of Siberia*.” Paper presentation. “Picturing Imperial Russia” Conference. Univ. of Tiumen’. Tiumen’, Russia. June 28–30, 2019
- “Binding Siberia: Semen Remezov’s *Khorograficheskaiia kniga*.” Paper presentation. “Materials and Materiality” Conference. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 30–31, 2019
- “Witsen’s Tartary, Remezov’s Chorography & The Mapping of Eurasia.” [Eurasian Empires Workshop](#). Stanford University. Stanford, CA. May 6, 2019
- “Peripheral diplomacy: The Career of Seidash Kulmametev.” Pre-circulated paper. Russian History Workshop. Georgetown University. Washington, D.C. April 5, 2019
- “Vinius-Witsen: A Corporation?” Paper presentation. [“The Corporation in Russia” Conference](#). Yale University. New Haven, CT. February 22–23, 2019
- [“Appropriating Blank Spots: Witsen’s Use of Remezov’s Siberian Maps.”](#) Paper presentation. [“Mapping the Global Imaginary, 1500–1900” Conference](#). Stanford University. Stanford, CA. Feb. 14–15, 2019. Materials part of an exhibit at Stanford University’s David Rumsey Map Center, on display January–May 2019. YouTube talk begins 08:15. See Online exhibit [here](#).
- “Seidash Kulmametev: A Life on the Border.” Paper presentation. Annual meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA). Chicago, IL. January 4, 2019
- “Cornelius de Bruin: Map, Image, Text.” Roundtable presentation. Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES). Boston, MA. December 8, 2018
- “Bukharan intermediaries in Russo-Qing Diplomacy.” Paper presentation. Asia in the Russian Imagination conference. University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT. March 23–24, 2018
- “Mission Creep: Nicolaas Witsen and the Mapping of Eurasia.” Paper presentation. Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES). Washington, DC. November 17, 2016

- “Field notes from an Armchair Ethnographer: Nicolaas Witsen Mapping Eurasia.” Spatial Working Group Workshop. University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM. May 12, 2016
- “Bookman, Burgomeister, Businessman, Booster: In Search of Nicolaas Witsen.” Paper presentation. Russian Studies Workshop. University of Hawai’i at Manoa. Honolulu, HI. Feb. 17–21, 2016
- “Field notes from an Armchair Ethnographer: Nicolaas Witsen’s *Noord en Oost Tartarye*.” Paper presentation. AHA. Atlanta, GA. January 7-10, 2016. See [research note here](#).
- “Been There. Drew That. 18th-century Dutchmen Imaging Siberia.” Paper presentation. ASEEES. Philadelphia, PA. Nov. 19–22, 2015
- “Knowing Bukharans, Harnessing Bukharan knowledge: Knowledge exchanges in Siberia.” Paper presentation. “Knowledge and Technologies: Production, Transfers, and Circulation” Conference. European University. St. Petersburg, Russia. November 12–13, 2015
- “Coercion, Accommodation, *Volokita*: Seit Shabin and the Question of Muslim Integration in the Eighteenth-century Russian Empire.” Paper presentation. Islam in Russia Conference, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. October 15–16, 2015
- “Salt Wars and Salted Coffee: At Home with the Filat’evs or Who Were the Gosti? Redux.” Paper presentation. Festschrift Workshop Celebrating the Scholarship of Nancy Shields Kollmann. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. October 8–10, 2015
- “When ‘Othering’ Overlaps: Observations on Siberian travel narratives.” Paper presentation. ASEEES. San Antonio, TX. November 20–23, 2014
- “‘Wherever You May Find Him’: Communication and the Origins of the Siberian Postal Service.” Paper presented at “Information Technologies and Transfer, 1450-1850” Symposium. Darwin College. Cambridge, UK. September 5–6, 2014
- “Off the Beaten Silk Road: Siberia in Eurasian Context.” Paper presented at ASEEES-CEES Joint Regional Conference at Nazarbayev University. Astana, Kazakhstan. May 22–24, 2014
- “О происхождении и краях Филатьевских купеческих династии.” [“On the Origins and Fringes of the Filat’ev Merchant Dynasty.”] Paper delivered via Skype to the 3rd International Conference “Trade, the merchant class, and customs administration in Russia, XVI-XIX centuries.” Kolomna, Russia. September 25, 2013
- “The Market at Lake Yamysh: Connecting Eurasian Commerce.” Paper presented at Ralph and Ruth Fisher Forum: “Early Russian Itineraries”. Univ. of Illinois, Champagne, Ill. June 14–16, 2013
- “Early Modern Oligarchs: Towards a History of the Filatev Family.” Paper presentation. Russian & East European History Workshop. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. April 25, 2013

- “Commerce and Confession in Early Modern Eurasia: Towards a Multi-Generational History of a Bukharan Merchant Family.” Paper presentation. Imperial Legacies and International Politics in Post-Soviet Eurasian Space Fellows’ seminar. Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA. March 7, 2013
- “Seen & Unseen Spaces of Exchange in Early Modern Siberia.” Paper presentation. Early Slavists’ Seminar. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. February 15, 2013
- “The Shababin Family: A Multi-Generational History of Commerce, Faith, & Service.” Paper Presentation. Russian History Workshop. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. Nov. 27, 2012
- “Off the Beaten Silk Road: Spaces of Siberian Exchange.” Paper presented at ASEEEES. New Orleans, LA. November 15–18, 2012
- “Commerce, Commodities, and Russia’s Role in Global Trade.” Roundtable presentation, ASEEEES. New Orleans, LA. November 15–18, 2012
- “Assessing the Tsar’s Reach: Towards a History of Lake Yamysh.” Paper delivered at the World History Association Conference. Albuquerque, NM. June 29, 2012
- “*Kolokola i Kriky*: Shared Confessional Spaces in Siberia.” Paper presented at the 125th Annual Meeting of the AHA. Boston, MA. January 6–9, 2011
- “Changing Stations: Upward Mobility in Early Modern Russia.” Paper presented at the National Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies. (ASEEEES, formally AAASS). Los Angeles, CA. November 18–21, 2010
- “Situating Russia in the Early Modern Global Economy.” Roundtable presentation. ASEEEES. Los Angeles, CA. November 18–21, 2010
- “Locating Rhubarb: Early Modern Russia’s Relevant Obscurity.” Paper presented at invited workshop on the Material Culture of the Early Modern World. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. January 29–30, 2010
- “Gifts: Sinews of Early Modern Political Economy.” Paper presented at the National Meeting for the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS). Boston, MA. November 13, 2009
- “Teaching Environmental History of Russia: A Roundtable.” AAASS. Boston, MA. Nov. 14, 2009
- “A Day in the Life of a Customs Post.” VIII International Conference of the Study Group of Eighteenth-Century Russia. Durham, England. July 4–9, 2009
- “Merchant Networks and Frontier Commerce: Doing Business for Self and State in Early Modern Russia.” Invited lecture. University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM. January 31, 2008
- “Regulating Vice & Virtue: Tobacco and Rhubarb Trade on the Seventeenth-Century Eurasian Steppe.” Roundtable Presentation. AAASS. New Orleans, LA. November 16, 2007
- “‘Business As Usual’: Gosti Networks in Early Modern Russia.” Paper delivered at AAASS. New Orleans, LA. Nov. 17, 2007

- “The Career of Seitkul Ablin: Bukharan Merchant, Russian Diplomat.” Paper delivered at AAASS. Washington, DC. Nov. 18, 2006 [Paper invited for publication in *The Carl Beck Papers in Russia and East European Studies*]
- “The Shababin Clan: A Muslim Merchant Family in the Russian Empire.” Medieval and Early Modern Studies Workshop. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. October 26, 2006
- “Towards a History of Gosti and their Networks in Seventeenth-Century Siberia.” Borderlands Workshop. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. May 25, 2006
- “В поиске ревеня: Об одном забытом эпизоде торговой политики России середины XVII в.” [“Russian Rhubarb Reconnaissance: Digging Up a Forgotten Episode of Commercial Policy in the 17th c.”] Paper delivered in Russian at “Power, State, and Society in Early Modern Russia: Conference in Honor of Historian Lev Cherepnin.” Moscow, Russia. Nov. 30–Dec. 2, 2005
- “Double-dealing at Lake Iamyshev: A Glimpse at the Nexus of State and Private Trade on the Siberian Frontier, 1685.” Borderlands Workshop. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. May 26, 2005

Invited scholarly lectures

- “Mapping Sovereignty in Early Modern Siberia.” Invited lecture. Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg & University of Basel Joint Research Seminar in Russian and East European History. Freiburg, Germany. May 31, 2022
- “By Ski, Boat, Horse, Dog, Sled, Foot, or Camel: Mapping Travel, Revealing Environment.” Invited History seminar presentation. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München, Germany. May 12, 2022
- “Bukharan Merchant Networks in Siberia.” (Virtual). Cambridge Central Asia Forum. Jesus College. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK. March 4, 2022.
- “Mapping Siberia, Seeing Cracks in Sovereignty.” Eastern European History Colloquium. University of Kiel. Kiel, Germany. December 14, 2021
- [“Seeing Environment & Empire in Remezov’s *Khorograficheskaiia Kniga*.”](#) Russian History (virtual) Seminar. Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia. December 15, 2020
- “Messianic or Misunderstood? On Russia’s Place in the World from Pechenegs to Putin.” Wayne N. Aspinall Annual Lecture. Colorado Mesa University. Grand Junction, CO. April 20, 2021
- “Our Man in Amsterdam? Nicolaas Witsen and 17th-century Russo-Dutch Relations.” Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. May 3, 2019
- “Business and the State in Russia.” Political Economy Project. Dartmouth College. Hanover, NH. October 1, 2018
- The Merchants of Siberia*. Eurasian Borderlands seminar. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. March 27, 2018

- “Merchants in Siberia and Russia in the World: State, Empire, and Commerce in the Early Modern World.” Central NM Community College. Albuquerque, NM. April 6, 2016
- “Exceptionalism on Belay: Climbing in Cross-Cultural Perspective.” Guest lecture. History 300: History of Modern Sport. University of New Mexico. April 17, 2015
- “Toppling Kuchum, Crossing a Continent: Russia’s Conquest of Siberia & Expansion Across Eurasia.” Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. May 7, 2013
- “Russia’s Conquest of Siberia.” Guest lecture. History E-1558: Interconnections: Early Modern Russia in World History. Harvard Extension School. Cambridge, MA. January 22, 2013
- “Siberian Conquest: Myths, Motives, and Realities.” Guest lecture. History 432: History of Early Modern Russia. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. November 28, 2012
- “Before Russia was the Great Big Bear: Reflections on the Russian Empire in the Early Modern World.” ORIAS Summer Teachers’ Institute: Imperialism in World History. Berkeley, CA. JUL 26, 2010
- “Merchant Networks and Frontier Commerce: Doing Business for Self and State in Early Modern Russia.” Portland State University. Portland, OR. February 15, 2008
- “Merchant Networks and Frontier Commerce: Doing Business for Self and State in Early Modern Russia.” University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM. January 31, 2008
- “Merchant Networks and Frontier Commerce: Building an Empire in Early Modern Russia.” Colorado State University. Fort Collins, CO. February 14, 2007
- “Literacy and Literature in Muscovy.” History 120a: Early Modern Russia. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. October 31, 2001

Invited lectures, forums with public groups

- “The War in Ukraine: Counterpoints to Putin’s Historical Imaginary.” Rotary Club of Hilden. Hilden, Germany. March 31, 2022
- “Russia: Past & Present.” Webinar guest expert with Dr. William Wohlforth. World Affairs Council-Albuquerque, NM. July 15, 2020
- “U.S.-Russian Relations Today: Thoughts on Trends & Challenges.” National Security Studies Symposium. University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM. April 2, 2018
- Book talk: *The Merchants of Siberia*. Littleton Public Library. Littleton, NH. June 7, 2017
- “1917–2017: Reflections on the Centennial of the Russian Revolution.” University of Alaska-Anchorage Bookstore. Anchorage, AK. March 22, 2017 [URL to itunes recording.](#)

“From Student Exchange to Book: A Backstory.” Russian language class. Chugiak High School. Chugiak, AK. Jan 31, 2017

Book talk: *The Merchants of Siberia*. University of Alaska-Anchorage Bookstore. Anchorage, AK. Sept. 7, 2016. [URL to itunes recording](#).

Book talk: *The Merchants of Siberia*. Univ. of New Mexico Bookstore. Albuquerque, NM. May 4, 2016

Book talk: *The Merchants of Siberia*. OASIS group. Albuquerque, NM. March 2, 2016

“When Public Protest Turns Tragic: Revisiting Bloody Sunday.” Esther Bone Memorial Library. Rio Rancho, NM. February 24, 2015

“Crimea in the Middle: Some Historical Context on the Current Crisis.” Alaska Pacific University / University of Alaska Anchorage. Anchorage, Alaska. April 10, 2014

“People, Politics, and Prospects in the Post-Soviet Peripheries.” Los Alamos Historical Society. Los Alamos, New Mexico. September 10, 2013

“Islam & Orthodoxy at the market in the Siberian Borderlands.” OASIS group. Albuquerque, NM. September 27, 2012

“The Russian Revolution.” Invited lectures to four 8th-grade classes at Ernie Pyle Middle School. Albuquerque, NM. September 9, 2012

“Russian Imperialism: Causes, Tools, and Legacies, 16–19th cc.” Univ. of Alaska, Anchorage Campus Bookstore Summer lecture series. Anchorage, AK. July 21, 2010

Courses Taught

10-week courses

- History of the Russian Empire, Origins–19th cc.
- Catherine II and the Rise of Russian Power
- Early Modern Europe, 1450–1750
- Encounter & the Making of Early Modern Europe
- From Shamans to Socialists: The Siberian Frontier in Comparative Perspective

16-week courses

- Russian Empire: History at the Peripheries
- Explorations in Russian Environmental History
- Russia & “The West”
- Rus’, Muscovy, Russia: 9th–17th Centuries (sequence 1)
- Women & Men in Imperial Russia (sequence 2, satisfies Gender studies requirement)
- Soviet & Russian History: Russian Revolution to the Present (sequence 3)
- Western Civilization (in person and online)

3-week course

- Russia in the World: A Brief History

Graduate seminars

- Mapping Eurasia
- Eurasian Borderlands
- Cultures of Exchange: Early Modern Commerce in Comparative Perspective
- Capitalism: A Prequel

Independent reading courses

Borderlands; Cold War propaganda; Early modern ritual & authority; Mongols; Russian Alaska; Russo-Qing relations; Soviet labor history

Advisement

Jonathan Wright, MA, 2021. Early Modern Europe
Di Wang, MA, 2018. Eurasian Studies, Nazarbayev University. Astana, Kazakhstan. “The Unofficial Russo-Qing Trans-border Trade in the Eastern Kazakh Steppe and Northern Xinjiang in the first half of the 19th c.”
Yulia Mikhailova 2013 PhD History, UNM. “Power and Property Relations in Rus’ and Latin Europe: A Comparative Analysis.” Won UNM best dissertation prize
Adam Polk, PhD candidate. Exams: Autumn 2019
Andrej Radic, PhD candidate. Exams: Spring 2019
Thomas Shumaker, PhD 2018. Exams: Spring 2014
Breanna Griego, PhD, 2015. Exams: Autumn 2010
James Dory-Garduño, PhD 2013. Exams: Autumn 2011
James Owens, PhD Candidate, exams: Spring 2014
Joseph Isbell, B.A. Honors thesis, 2010. “Russian-American Company and Yankee Relations preceding the sale of Alaska, 1807–1867”. Honorable mention prize winner.

NewBooksNetwork & History Ex Silo Podcast Interviews

- Paul Bushkovitch, [*Succession to the Throne in Early Modern Russia \(2021\)*](#). Dec. 28, 2021
- Ann Blair, Anthony Grafton, et al. [*Information: A Historical Companion \(2021\)*](#). Aug. 16, 2022
- Andrey Ivanov, [*A Spiritual Revolution: The Impact of Reformation and Enlightenment in Orthodox Russia \(2020\)*](#). September 13, 2022
- Kees Boterbloem, [*Russia and the Dutch Republic, A Forgotten Friendship \(2021\)*](#). Nov. 18, 2022
- Clare Griffin, [*Mixing Medicines: The Global Drug Trade & Early Modern Russia \(2022\)*](#). March 6, 2023
- Christian Raffensperger, ed., [*Authorship, Worldview, and Identity in Medieval Europe \(2022\)*](#). May 10, 2023
- Simon Dreher & Wolfgang Mueller, eds., [*Foreigners in Muscovy: Western Immigrants in 16th & 17th-Century Russia*](#) (Routledge, 2023). June 18, 2023
- Ryan T. Jones, *Red Leviathan: The Secret History of Soviet Whaling* (Chicago, 2022) TBD
- Valerie Kivelson, Joan Neuberger, Sergei Kozlov, eds. *Picturing Imperial Russia* (Oxford, 2023) TBD
- Jordana Dym, *Mapping Travel: The Origins and Conventions of Western Journey Maps* (Brill, 2021) TBD
- C. Raffensperger & D. Ostrowski, *The Ruling Families of Rus: Clan, Family and Kingdom* (Reaktion, 2023)
- History Ex Silo: *The Russian Graphosphere & Bookshop of the World*. Oct. 29, 2023
- History Ex Silo: *Empire, Inc. & Crack-up Capitalism*

Other Interviews & Misc.

Radio interview: [“Current Situation in Ukraine.”](#) T. J. Trout News Radio KKOB. March 1, 2022.

Interview: Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia. December, 2020. [Post-lecture interview](#)

Museum exhibit volunteer consultant: Embaevskii Village Museum, Tiumen’ province, Russia. Museum website: <http://www.museum.ru/M2994>

Museum Exhibit: [“Mapping the Global Imaginary, 1500–1900”](#), David Rumsey Map Center Exhibit, Spring 2019. Stanford University. Stanford, CA

Radio interview: [“The Russian Far East.”](#) Guest on Alaska Public Radio’s “Outdoor Alaska”. KSKA 91.1. June 2, 2017

Podcast interview about *The Merchants of Siberia*: [Sean’s Russian Blog](#). Guest, October 10, 2016

Digital research note, American Historical Association website, 2016: [“Field notes from an Armchair Ethnographer: Nicolaas Witsen’s Noord en Oost Tartarye.”](#)

Russian History Blog: [Scholarly conversation about The Merchants of Siberia](#). September 2016

Podcast: New Books in History. Interview about *The Merchants of Siberia* with Devin Ackles

Radio interview: KRSN AM 1490 Radio Los Alamos, NM. Pre-Los Alamos Historical Society lecture interview, September 9, 2013

Professional Service, Activities, & Affiliations

Manuscript referee for *American Historical Review*, *Global Intellectual History*, *Cahiers du monde Russe*, *Journal of Global History*, *Kritika*, *Environmental History*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *Sibirica*, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, *The Historian*, *World History Connected*; *Artefact*, *Techniques*, *Histoire et Sciences Humaines*; Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury Publishing, Berg Publishing

2023– Founder & Co-editor, “History Ex Silo” Podcast

2022–2023 Editor, *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*

2016–2022 Book reviews editor, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*

2022–present Editorial board, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*

2017–present Editorial board, *Sibirica*

2019–2021 Prize Committee, W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize (Chair, 2021)

2020–2021 Prize Committee, FEEGI Graduate Student Essay Prize

2020–2021 Prize Committee, ESSA Essay Prize

2022 Roundtable participant, “Growing Pains of the Russian Empire: New Scholarship from Russia.” 54th ASEES Convention. Chicago, IL. November 12, 2022

2022 Organizing committee, “Muscovy in the World” Workshop. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. November 4–5, 2022

2021 Roundtable participant, “Revising Narratives of Russian Economic Development:

- #thelong19thC.” ASEEEES. Virtual Convention. December 2, 2021
- 2021 Chair “Old Wine in New Bottles? Recent Interpretations in Muscovite History.” ASEEEES. Virtual Convention. December 1, 2021
- 2020 Discussant, “‘To Know a Good Economy’: Management Structures and Practices in Pre-Industrial Russia.” ASEEEES. Virtual Convention. Nov. 9, 2020
- 2020 Roundtable on *Floating Coast: An Environmental History of the Bering Strait*. ASEEEES. Virtual Convention. Nov. 9, 2020.
- 2019 Discussant, “Making Marketplaces: Practices of Trade in the Russian Empire, 1750-1850.” ASEEEES. San Francisco, CA. November 2019
- 2019 Discussant, “Challenges and Strategies in Seventeenth-Century Muscovite Foreign Policy.” ASEEEES. San Francisco, CA. November 2019
- 2019 Judge, McNair Scholars’ Research Conference. UNM. October 3–4, 2019
- 2019 History Day, Cien Aguas Escuela Internacional 8th graders, Sept. 20, 2019
- 2019 Prize committee, W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize
- 2019–20 UNM Committees: Merit, Credentials
- 2018 Panel chair, “Oddity Commodities,” ASEEEES. Boston, MA. Dec. 6, 2018
- 2018 “So, You’re Thinking about Graduate School?” Organizer. Panelist. Dartmouth College. Oct. 30, 2018
- 2018 Panel chair, Desert History workshop. February 23, 2018
- 2017 Organizer, fundraiser, moderator: UNM speaker series: “Russia. 1917. 2017” Guest editor, *Russian Studies in History* (slated for 2018 publication date)
- 2017 Roundtable, “Teaching Russian Environmental History,” ASEEEES. Chicago, IL. November 9–12, 2017
- 2017–18 Coordinator, UNM Professionalization Workshop series
- 2017–18 UNM Committees: Merit, Sabbatical, Credentials, ‘Rethinking Western Civ’
- 2014–2018 Member, AHA Mellon Steering Committee at UNM
- 2016 Panel chair, “Traders in a Global Economy: Pilgrims, Travelers, and Diplomats in Eurasia,” ASEEEES. Washington, DC. Nov. 19, 2016
- 2015 Roundtable chair, “Animal, Vegetable, Mineral Part II: Plants and Their Meanings in 17th- and 18th-century Slavic Lands,” ASEEEES. Philadelphia, PA. November 19–22, 2015
- 2015 Organizing committee, Festschrift workshop Koll-mania: Celebrating the Scholarship of Nancy Shields Kollmann. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. October 8–10, 2015
- 2015 Philipps Dissertation Fellowship Committee
- 2014–2016 Member, Graduate Entrance Committee, UNM History Dept.
- 2014–2016 Member, Faculty Advisory Committee National Security Studies Program, UNM
- 2015 Reader, History Graduate Student Association research grant applications
- 2014 Panel chair, “People and Plants: Medicine and Natural History in Early Modern Russia,” ASEEEES. San Antonio, TX. November 20–23, 2014
- 2014 Moderator, “Ukraine in Crisis,” session at UNM International Studies Institute Fall lecture series, October 24, 2014
- 2014 Panel chair, “Global Economic History: A Possible Dialogue,” ASEEEES-CEES conference. Astana, Kazakhstan. May 22–24, 2014
- 2013 “So, You’re Thinking about Graduate School?” Panelist. UNM. Nov. 12, 2013
- 2013 Invited panel chair at conference “Russian, Soviet, and Post-Soviet Economic History: New Frontiers.” Yale University. New Haven, CT. November 1–2, 2013
- 2013 Referee for Wellcome Trust Medical Humanities Research Fellowship at

	Cambridge University, UK
2011–2012	UNM History Dept. Committees: Credentials, Graduate Advising, Graduate Entrance, Merit & Salary, Bohme History Paper Prize
2012	“So, You’re Thinking about Graduate School?” Panelist. UNM. Nov. 4, 2012
2012	Invited guest to Dr. Sam Truett’s Comparative Borderlands seminar. Nov. 6, 2012
2011	Discussant, ‘Infrastructure, Development, and Environment’ at “Eurasian Environments: Nature and Ecology in Eurasian History,” Workshop within the Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Convention. Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. September 16–17, 2011
2010	UNM Medieval Studies Institute, Speaker series reviewer, Spring 2010
2009	UNM Autumn Slavic historical film series coordinator
2009	Moderator, Panel on “Life Under Socialism,” UNM “Revolutions of 1989” series
2009–2010	UNM History Dept. Committees: Graduate Entrance, Curriculum, Credentials
2008–2009	UNM History Dept. Committee: Credentials
2009	Coordinated panel “Teaching Environmental History of Russia,” for the 41st AAASS National Convention. Boston, MA. November 12–15, 2009
2008	Judge, Dimond High School History Day. February 2008, Anchorage, AK
2008	Judge, Student Showcase, Feb. 2008, University of Alaska Anchorage
2007	Coordinated panel “Faith, Politics, and Business as Usual: Elite Merchants in Russia, 16th-18th Centuries,” for the 39 th AAASS National Convention. New Orleans, LA. November 16–19, 2007
2006	Coordinated panel “Commerce on the Periphery: The Nexus of State and Private Trade” for 38th AAASS National Convention. Washington, DC. Nov.16-19, 2006
2002–2004	List owner, Envirotech, email forum for the Society for the History of Technology
2002–2003	Coordinator, Stanford University Russian and East European Reading Group
2001–2002	History Graduate Studies Committee. Revised Masters program curriculum
2000–2003	Co-founder & organizer, Stanford Univ. Environmental History Reading Group
2005–present	Member, ASEEES (Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies; formally AAASS, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies)
2015–2020	Member, Association of Women in Slavic Studies
2014–present	Member, Early Slavic Studies Association
2012	Member, World History Association
2011	Member, Central Eurasian Studies Society
2007–19	Member, American Historical Association (2007–09, 2011, 2016, 2019)

Grants, Awards

2023–4	Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Universität zu Köln.
2021	University of Illinois Summer Research Lab Grant (\$1,000)
2021	Wayne N. and Julia E. Aspinall Visiting Fellow. Colorado Mesa University. Grand Junction, CO (\$10,000)
2020 (2022)	American Councils American Fellowship in Russia (AFR) Grant, \$19,000
2019	UNM Dean’s research/travel award, \$4,000 (awaiting reimbursement)
2019	Dartmouth History Dept. Travel grant \$1,500
2018	Lincoln Book Prize for <i>The Merchants of Siberia</i> \$1,000
2017	UNM Research grant, \$4,000 (rescinded)
2014	ASEEES small travel grant, \$500
2014	NSSP conference travel grant, \$1,500

2014	UNM Dean's travel grant, \$500
2013	Visiting fellow, Davis Center for Russian & Eurasian Studies, Harvard University
2013	Shoemaker Award, University of New Mexico
2011–2012	Nominated for New Faculty Teacher of the Year Award
2010	UNM Dean's Conference Travel Award
2009	Shoemaker Award, University of New Mexico
2006–7	Weter and Mazour dissertation research / write-up grant recipient
2004	Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Fellow, 12 months archival research in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tiumen', and Tobol'sk
2004	American Council of Teachers of Russian dissertation grant, declined
Summer 2003	Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, research grant recipient
2001–2002	Stanford University Centennial Award for Excellence in Student Teaching
Summer 2002	Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, research grant recipient
2000–2006	Stanford University, History Department fellowship

Reviews & Commentary on Published Work

“Locating Rhubarb,” in *Early Modern Things*

- Lynn Hunt, *Writing History in the Global Age* (NY: W.W. Norton & Co., 2014), 131–32.
- Valentina Pugliano, *Isis* 105.1 (Mar 2014): 218–19.
- Joanne Bailey, *Cultural History* 3.2 (Oct 2014): 190–97.
- Daniela Bleichmar, *Renaissance Quarterly* 67.3 (Fall 2014): 969–71.
- Antonella Romano, *Annales* (French edition) 70.2 (2015): 465–67.

The Merchants of Siberia

- Kwangmin Kim, *American Historical Review* 122, 5 (Dec 2017): 1712–13.
- Janet Hartley, *Journal of Early Modern History* 21, 3 (2017): 278–80.
- Alison Smith, *The English Historical Review* 132, 559 (Dec 2017): 1579–81.
- Brian Davies, *Slavic Review* 76, 3 (Fall 2017): 548–9.
- Scott Levi, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* 51.4 (2017): 515–17.
- Anna Bara, *Sibirica* 16, 2 (June 2017): 105–8.
- Carol B. Stevens, *The Russian Review* 76, 2 (April 2017): 371–73.
- E. V. Komleva, “Sibirskoe kupechestvo v otsenke zapadnoevropeiskoi i amerikanskoi istoriografii,” *Gumanitarnye nauki v Sibiri* 25/3 (2018): 10–15. DOI: 10.15372/HSS20180302
- Patryk Reid “The Lands beyond the Rivers: Directions and Potentials in Riparian Histories of Russian and Soviet Eurasia,” *Kritika* 22.1 (Winter 2021): 137+.
- See 2016 scholarly forum about book at [RussianHistoryBlog](#)

Seeing Muscovy Anew: Politics–Institutions–Culture

- Rachel Koroloff, *Ab Imperio* 4 (2018): 321–5.

Other Work Experience

2001–3, 2005–7	Instructor, Stanford, Geological Sciences 7 (Outdoor Education Program) & Stanford Alpine Club: Intro to Wilderness Skills; rock climbing; organized and led “Girls Crank!” Women’s instructional climbing trip
2003	<i>Research assistant</i> for <u>The Economist Intelligence Unit. Country Report: Russia</u> . Collected financial data from The Central Bank of Russia.
2001–2002	<i>Translator and interpreter</i> for <u>Over the Edge</u> , by Greg Child, about American climbers kidnapped in Kyrgyzstan in 2000. Interviews, press accounts.
2000	Teacher, “Jobs for American Graduates” High School Program Littleton, NH

1997–2000	VinLund International Transport Company <i>Office Director</i> . Opened and managed new office <i>Account Manager</i>	St. Petersburg, Russia Moscow, Russia
1995, 1997	Habitat, Wildlife & Community Conservation Project <i>Deputy Project Manager</i>	Kajiado, Kenya
1995	Office of Senator Christopher Dodd, U.S. Senate, <i>Intern</i>	Washington, DC

Works in Progress

Articles

“Mapping Travel, Revealing Environment,” Part of a special issue devoted to early modern empires and environment. Submission to *Journal of Early Modern History*. (10,000 words, under review)

“Seeing Seasonality in Arctic Ice: Northern coasts in early Siberian maps,” invited article for planned special issue in *Russian Review*: “Climate and Society in Eurasia: Past, Present, Future,” ed. by Andy Bruno and Pey-yi Chu (Under Review. submitted March 2023). 10,000 words.

Book projects

“Spinning Russia: Nicolaas Witsen and the Making of Russia’s Image in Early Modern Europe”

Lindsey Hughes and Erika Monahan. “The Romanovs: Imperial Russia and Ruling the Empire, 1613-1917,” 2nd edition (Bloomsbury Publishing). Under contract, submission TBD